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## **Sen. Kuipers' proposal would aid nursing mothers**

**LANSING** – Under legislation proposed by Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, nursing mothers could be exempt from jury duty with a doctor's note.

"We should be making it easy for nursing moms to be with their babies," Kuipers said. "Other states have made this family-friendly change, and it's time Michigan does as well. Requiring nursing mothers to be away from their infants for extended periods of time, as jury duty does, unfairly burdens the mother and child."

Nursing women could be excused if they provide a note from a physician or certified nurse midwife if Kuipers' legislation is signed into law.

Kuipers joins Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, in proposing ways to assist nursing mothers. Toy proposed legislation that would include nursing mothers in the state civil right laws so they would not be discriminated against.

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